

CCC Quality of Life Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 14, 2008, 8:30-10am
Location: American Cancer Society, 4550 East Bell Road, Suite 126, Phoenix, AZ 85032
Conference Call-in number 866.519.2819

Attendees: Patrice Al-shatti, Christopher O’Laughlin, Shayna Diamond-Atonna, S. Nicolette Re, Sherry Romanowski, Rosemary Dominguez, Carol Harney, Sharon Jaycox

Agenda Items	Discussion	Follow-up Items
Review prior minutes	Minutes unavailable for review.	
Open discussion of identified project idea-development of a QOL resource CD for inclusion of BAG-IT bags.	<p>Reviewed history of Bag it program. The program was started in 2003 and 100% of providers that accepted bags since that time are still ordering and distributing bags five years later. Bag it has used focus groups plus provider, patient, and family caregiver feedback to determine contents of the bag. An evaluation sheet in each bag has about 5% return rate with high satisfaction. Bag-It plans to distribute approx. 6000 bags in fiscal year 2008. 2200 bags were distributed in 2007. The organization’s goal is distribution outside the southern Arizona area.</p> <p>Development of a state/local QOL resource CD would be an excellent way to enhance the contents of the bag and QOL members could participate in developing distribution sites. This type of project would address the QOL root cause “People are not accessing resources”.</p> <p>It was determined that the AZ CCC Resource Directory developed by the Diagnosis and Treatment committee may already meet this need. However, the book is in paper format which is heavy (additional postage) and is organized by provider versus QOL issue.</p> <p>The binder included in the Bag-It bag was discussed as an alternative QOL committee project. We could enhance the binder to include information and organizational tools as it is currently relatively empty. Shayna showed several samples from other sources of patient binder content.</p>	

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Funding Opportunities	None discussed	
Review action item log	<p>Sherry will review the contents of other patient binders to suggest which types of additional content might enhance the binder if QOL goes that direction.</p> <p>Patrice and/or Christopher will meet with the Diagnosis and Treatment Committee to discuss our projects. They will return to QOL with an idea as to whether we can pursue some sort of resource CD or D&T will be producing an electronic version of their resource directory and that this might be given to the Bag-It program.</p>	<p>Co-chairs Patrice and Christopher encourage committee members not in attendance to attempt to participate in meetings as able. We need member feedback and ideas to identify an appropriate project and get it launched.</p>
Sharing of organizations current initiatives	<p>Sherry explained how to order Bag-It bags for our own patient populations. Just call their program at 866-323-8770 and request whatever number we need. There is no charge for either the resource bags or the postage. Bags can also be ordered from the programs website www.bagit4u.org.</p>	
Next Meeting Date	March 13 th , 8:30-10, American Cancer Society. Call in information to be announced.	